

## Wilson Lumpkin to Andrew Jackson, February 9, 1835, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### GOVERNOR WILSON LUMPKIN TO JACKSON.

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Milledgeville, Ga., February 9, 1835.

*Dear Sir,* From several letters recived this morning (by Express) from Majr. Curry, Colonel Bishop and others, I entertain no doubt, but my aims and measures, supported as they were by the late Legislature of Georgia, is tending rapidly to bring to a happy issue, our long standing embarrassments with the Cherokees. Knowing as I do your ardent desire, to consummate your general plans and policy in relieving the states from their remnant Indian population, and do justice to Georgia in regard to her Territorial rights, I take the liberty of suggesting to you, First, Anxious as we are for a final and general arrangement with the Cherokees, it is better for things to remain as they are for a little season longer, than for the Federal authorities to make an arrangement, which would conflict with the policy and laws of Georgia. No fee simple rights, will be granted to the Indians by Georgia. How far the rights of citizenship will be allowed to the Indians, The state will determine for herself.

2ndly. Washington is the best place to negotiate a Treaty, and the necessary Indian material is now there. Any attempt to make a Treaty in the Indian Country would most likely fail, and consequently do more harm than good. But should commissioners be appointed to negotiate any arrangement with the Indians, I pray you to appoint no one, who has opposed your administration, and especially your Indian policy, and the policy of Georgia, such a step could not fail to produce much mischief. John Ross and his Geo[r]gia

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Lawyer should be intrusted with nothing. They are bad men, and the most inveterate enemies of the Government.

In haste